

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments are entered prior to examination of the merits of this application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 16, 20, 22 and 24 have been amended solely to correct some inconsistencies and to bring them into better form for examination. Claims 28 to 32 have been added. Support for new claims 28 and 29 can be found, e.g., in the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the specification, for new claim 30, e.g., in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification, for new claim 31, e.g., in the paragraph bridging pages 19 and 20 and for new claim 32, e.g., on page 8, in first full paragraph starting with "The method."

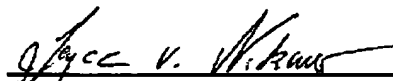
Any amendments submitted herewith are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

The fee of \$250.00 for five (5) claims in excess of the previously paid for number of claims is submitted herewith.

No further fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit deposit account no. 50-3135 as required.

Respectfully submitted,

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